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Bear & Mountain Lion Sightings

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Below are summaries of black bear and mountain lion sightings, taken from wildlife sighting cards turned in by park staff and visitors. Please note that these wildlife sightings are posted as a safety notice to alert park visitors to the presence of bears and mountain lions in the park. This information is NOT intended to attract people to locations of sightings. **Do not approach or offer food to bears. Always keep a safe distance away from wildlife.**

Black bears

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| • Near Basin sewage lagoon | 5 th , 7:15 pm |
| • On slope above Window Trail, 2/3 of the way down | 5 th , dusk |
| • End of Pine Canyon Trail | 6 th , 4-4:30 pm |
| • Near Basin Campground | 7 th , 4:30 pm |
| • On road 5-6 miles north of Panther Junction | 7 th , 7 pm |
| • Basin Road, 100 yds from Bear Crossing sign | 8 th , 11 am |
| • Basin Road, mile 5 | 8 th , 11:30 am |
| • Window Trail, in creekbed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down | 8 th , noon |
| • Pinnacles Trail near Emory Peak jct | 11 th , 3:30 pm |
| • Boot Canyon | 11 th , 3:37 pm |
| • On trail between campsites SW2 & SW3 | 12 th , 12:30 pm |
| • Window Trail, 1.25 miles from trailhead | 13 th , 1:30 pm |
| • Window Trail, 1 mile from campground | 13 th , 4 pm |
| • Cottonwood Campground | 14 th , 11:00 pm |
| • Basin Road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile before Visitor Center | 14 th , 1 pm |
| • On dirt road to Basin sewage lagoons | 15 th , 8 pm |
| • Off Pinnacles Trail between Basin and Boulder Mead. | 16 th , 6 pm |
| • Window Trail, below 1 st log bench | 18 th , 1:45 pm |
| • Near Basin sewage lagoons | 18 th , 2:15 pm |
| • Basin Road at Lost Mine Trailhead | 20 th , 12:30 pm |
| • Window Trail, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from campground trailhead | 21 st , 10:30 am |
| • Window Trail, 1 mile from campground trailhead | 22 nd , 9 am |
| • Window Trail near lower bench | 23 rd , 10:15 am |
| • Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive, mile 6 | 24 th , 10 am |
| • Window Trail about 1 mile from campground | 24 th , noon |
| • 2 bears seen from Window View Trail | 24 th , 1 pm |
| • Window Trail near sewage lagoons | 24 th , 1:30 pm |
| • Window Trail, on slope above trail | 24 th , 2 pm |
| • Window Trail, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Window | 25 th , 2 pm |
| • Window Trail before 1 st bench | 25 th , 6:30 pm |
| • Window Trail at campground spur trail junction | 28 th , 9 am |
| • Lost Mine Trail near marker #2, then on road | 29 th , 11:40 am |

Mountain lions

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| • Window Trail, ¼-mile from end | 2 nd , noon |
| • In dry creekbed past Laguna West #3 | 4 th , 1:20 pm |
| • Laguna Meadow Trail just past gray ash | 10 th , 9 am |
| • Basin Road, west of Lost Mine trailhead | 13 th , 1:30 pm |
| • On trail near stone cottages #102 & #103 | 14 th , 8:30 am |
| • Pinnacles Trail in switchbacks | 14 th , 11:40 am |
| • Basin Road, mile 5 | 20 th , 12:30 pm |
| • Along road between Panther Jct and Dagger Flat | 20 th , 7:15 pm |
| • Trail between Basin Campground and Visitor Center | 21 st , 8:50 am |
| • Lost Mine Trail near marker #7 | 22 nd , 11:15 am |
| • On road to RGV, about 7-10 miles from Panther Jct | 23 rd , 9:30 pm |
| • 3 mountain lions on Basin Road, mile 2.5 | 25 th , 11 pm |
| • Laguna Meadow area | 26 th |